

## SEEK FOR OWNER OF GIFT PACKAGE

Addressee Does Not Live  
Here and Whereabouts  
Unknown at Postoffice.

### MAKE A NOVEL ATTEMPT.

PERSONS ASK TO HAVE MAIL  
BACKSTAMPED TO DISGUISE  
DATE OF SENDING LATE  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

To whom does it belong? A package, which evidently contains a Christmas gift of some value is at the local postoffice, because the carrier cannot find the addressee. The package was addressed to a Miss —, Main street, Indiana and the postmark showed that some friend from England had sent the gift in plenty of time before Christmas for it to have been delivered had it been properly addressed. In the effort of the postal department to locate the addressee, the package will be sent to every city and town in Indiana with a Main street in its directory. The package was neatly done up in heavy English wrapping paper and Red Cross stamp of the English design pasted on it.

Postmaster Speckhauer could easily become a popular man with the women if he so desired. It is not implied that he is not popular but that his popularity would be enhanced many times if he would have accommodated several during the last few days. This is also true in respect to the men for persons of both sexes came to him and tried to have him back stamp letters in order to deceive the addressee into believing that the package had been lost in the mails. The attempt of many to have this done is the outgrowth of a present received from some one very unexpectedly and the local friend wanting to return the compliment by sending another but rather late Christmas present. If the postal service permitted the backstamping of mail no doubt many presents would be made after New Years, disguised in clothes of postal marks and dates leading the addressee to believe it had been lost.

### SIMPLE FAITH.

A Burly Burglar's Confidence in an Editor's Business Acumen.

A man who admitted that he came direct from state prison tried to sell to the city editor of a New York newspaper a weird and startling story of a missing will which he declared had been revealed to him by a fellow convict. He was a burly fellow with a prognathous jaw, and he had lost an eye in battle. The mere look of him would frighten a timid citizen into tremors. Mr. White, the expert in criminology, cross examined the man as follows:

"Why were you in Auburn?"

"Highway" (meaning, of course, highway robbery).

"I suppose you were wrongfully convicted."

"Muh; day had me right."

Such engaging candor made Mr. White feel that the man was truthful, and he was greatly disappointed when strict investigation disclosed the fact that the story of the missing will was all fictitious. The man was disappointed, too, at the failure of his romance, but he went away from the newspaper office in cheerful mood, with some remark about better luck next time.

A week later Mr. White was summoned to the reception room of the newspaper, and there he found his friend, the burly highwayman, his bosom brother, his single eye fiercer than ever. But his visit was quite friendly, although somewhat tinged with business. He evidently believed he could rely on Mr. White's good faith and business acumen. Fixing Mr. White with his glittering eye, the strong armed one plucked him by the sleeve over to a corner of the room and there in a loud, hoarse whisper inquired:

"Say, coulder do any'ing wit' a couple o' watches?" — Harper's Weekly.

Simini and the Fountain of Youth.

Simini was a fabulous island firmly believed in by the Indians of the Antilles, though they could give no further clue to its location than that it lay some hundreds of leagues north of Hispaniola. On this island was the famous fountain of youth, giving perpetual health and vigor. It was the search for this fountain that led Ponce de Leon and Hernando de Soto to Florida, on the outskirts of which the island was generally supposed to be situated.

Concerning His Kissing of Her. Only one person with a mean disposition would have figured out this little prose poem. It runs as follows: "Which do you think is the greatest slur?"

DID he kiss her?  
Did HE kiss her?  
Did he KISS her?  
Or.  
Did he kiss HER? — Cleveland News.

The Great Need. "Miss Dolly, you know the old adage" —

"I don't want to hear anything about add-ages," she interrupted. "What we girls want is some subtract-ages." — Woman's Home Companion.

In reply to charges made by the Social Democratic members of the Diet of the German Empire that accidents are caused by too long hours of service. Dr. Schultz, president of the Railway Bureau, said that the accident statistics showed that much the larger number of accidents occurred not in the latter hours of the workmen's day's service, as would be the case if due to over-fatigue, but in the earlier hours, when the men were fresh.

### MOTHER SUICIDES AFTER DESERTION



MRS. WM. A. STONE.

Mrs. Stone's desertion of her wealthy husband and three children caused her mother to commit suicide. Her home was in Uniontown, Pa.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WAS VERY QUIET

Business by Uptown Establishments Was Suspended Practically All Day.

### LITTLE DISTURBANCE.

OLD MORPHEUS RULED IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT AND LITTLE HEED WAS PAID ARRIVAL OF YEAR'S FIRST DAY.

New year's day was observed generally by the business houses of the city. Appropriate exercises were held in a number of the churches last evening. Many stores that were not closed throughout the day gave their employees a half holiday. Union barber shops were closed all day. The saloons had to close by the law. The amusement places were open and attended by large crowds. Judge Converse was on hand for city court this afternoon but no cases were presented for hearing. No arrests were made last night nor this morning.

The year was ushered in by the ringing of church bells and chimes. Not for many years has there been so little attention paid to this event. Very few factory whistles blew and the bells were rung only for a short time. This is due no doubt to the attempt made last year by some citizens to have the year's entrance observed in as quiet a manner as deep slumber would permit.

### TURNED OFF GAS; PREVENTED FIRE

Girl's Presence of Mind Stood In Good Stead.

Smallpox has again broken out in the city. It is a very mild case however and the authorities have vaccinated many of the neighbors to suppress the spread of the contagion. A young man by the name of Jordan, living near Chestnut and West Second streets, has the disease.

### MUCH PNEUMONIA.

Much pneumonia among children is reported by the physicians of the city. The cases are said to be of a mild nature. The most prevalent form of attack is in the bronchial tubes.

### SELECTING HOMES AT THE CAPITAL

Local Members of Legislature Chose Their Residences.

Richmond's representatives at the state legislature will acquire their places of temporary residence in the capital city next week. Senator Kirkman and family have gone, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gardner intend to leave Wednesday and Walter Ratiff will be found at one of the hotels. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman will take a flat. They have two young children and do not believe hotel life the most advised for this reason. The little daughter will be placed in school at Indianapolis during the session. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner will make their residence at the English hotel.

Kodol for Indigestion. Relieves sour stomach, palpitation of the heart. Digests what you eat.

### YEAR WAS DRYEST SHOWN BY RECORD

In Lack of Precipitation 1908 Holds Honors, According To Local Observer.

### LOW TEMPERATURE RANGE

ZERO WAS THE COLDEST POINT REACHED BY GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENT AND 95 DEGREES IT RECORDED.

That the year 1908 was one of the driest in respect to precipitation, is attested by the fact that in this vicinity the deficiency of the mean precipitation is 10.28 inches. This record is equalled in but few previous years and will stand in all probability as a record breaker for several years to come. The total amount of precipitation for the year was 33.6 inches.

During the year the range in temperature varied from zero to 95 degrees. Although it was reported that the thermometer fell below zero many times last winter, the official instruments at the water works pumping station, as watched by Observer Vossler, did not report a lower estimate. The coldest day was February 2. The warmest days were July 12, August 16 and 31, September 20 and 21. The year was warmer than 1907, taking the mean temperature as a comparison. The mean temperature for 1907 was 50 degrees and in 1908 51.5 degrees.

December was not unusual in a weather way from what corresponding Decembers have been, as determined by Weather Observer Walter Vossler. The month was opened with its strangest weather or a range in temperature of 32 degrees. The maximum temperature was 62 on the 18th and the minimum 7 degrees on the 3d. The mean maximum was 41.5 degrees and the mean minimum 24.5 degrees. The mean temperature was 33 degrees.

In respect to the precipitation for the month, the total amounted to 1.31 and the greatest rainfall was .34 of an inch on the sixth. The snow fall was 1.6 inches. The only fall was on the fourth.

The number of clear days and the number of partly cloudy days totaled nine each. The cloudy days numbered 134.

### TREASURER MADE HIS SETTLEMENT

Myrick Turned \$246,721 Over To Successor.

B. B. Myrick, Jr., retiring county treasurer turned over to his successor in office today account sheets showing there is a balance to the credit of the county amounting to \$246,721.01. The county auditor and treasurer worked to a late hour last night in compiling and comparing figures. It was found from the sheets Treasurer Myrick was able to account for every penny due. All of this money was placed at the disposal of Albert Albertson, the new treasurer.

### EFFICIENCY SYSTEM.

The commencement of the efficiency record system at the postoffice was made today. The clerks and carriers hereafter will depend on their own work for promotion. Promotion means in a salary way. The establishment of such a system will not doubt further enhance the efficiency of the service.

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### SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Suit has been entered in the Wayne circuit court by Ira Manning to secure divorce from Isa Manning. The complaint has been withdrawn and the cause of action could not be learned.

Tolstoy is one of the most prolific writers of the age. He has published some 120 books, and the innumerable pamphlets, most of which have been translated into every European language. The extent of his output is the more remarkable when his laborious methods are considered. Some of his chapters have been written a dozen times, and the pages of his manuscript are disfigured by numerous erasures and interpolations. One of his novels had to be copied out seven times before a fairly legible manuscript could be sent to the printers.

We publish a simple cure for smallpox kindly sent by a correspondent. "One ounce of cream of tartar, dissolved in water, drank at intervals when cold," is the recipe, and in recommending it the correspondent says, it "has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness, and brings speedy relief."

### PROMOTERS ARE PROUD OF RESULT

Feel Franklin Township Corn Show Was a Success in Many Different Ways.

### PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR.

EXPECT TO MAKE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE ANNUAL SHOWS TO BE HELD IN TOWNSHIP.

Promoters of the Franklin township corn show feel they were very successful when their inexperience is considered in connection with Tuesday's event. There were five entries of white corn and ten of yellow. The scoring was by Joseph Helms. The prize for white corn was awarded Delbert Funk, second money being taken by Henry Knoll. Henry Knoll won first prize on the yellow variety and Harvey Brown second. On mixed corn Harvey Brown took first premium and Jesse Brown second.

Mr. Helms gave a very beneficial explanation of the method of scoring corn. He told about breeding corn, desiccating, shape and length of ears and amount of feeding value. It is the intention to make a permanent organization to conduct future shows. The committee feels indebted for this year's success to Oliver Spencer, Chas. Anderson, Erastus Steller and Nathan Grava for soliciting for the exhibit. Attention of all farmers is directed to the corn school to be held the first week in February at Centerville.

### THE FESTIVITIES ARE NOW OVER

The Last of Y. M. C. A. Dedication Services Came to A Close Today.

### REGULAR GYM WORK NOW

CLASSES BEGAN THEIR WORK THIS MORNING, THEN THE HAPPY LADS TOOK A PLUNGE INTO THE POOL.

The end of a week of festivities in connection with the dedicatory service of the Young Men's Christian Association was culminated today and hereafter the association will be limited to members only. The regular routine of gymnasium work was held for the first time and afterwards members of these classes took a plunge in the natatorium. Many used the billiard and pool tables and these games will prove as popular as any installed by the association.

Now Have 450 Members.

The association now has enrolled about 450 members in both the men's and boy's departments. This was the last day for becoming a charter member. While it was not necessary for the prospective member to pay for his membership at once he must have filled his application blank today. The reduction in fee from \$10 to \$9 for senior members holds good until February 1.

### "EDITE BIBITE COLLEGIALES"

Oscar Tauer Has Recollections of School Days.

In the window of the Starr Piano Company's store on Main street, is a picture of college "boys" after thirty-seven years' separation, at a reunion in Stettin, Germany. This picture was sent to their absent member, Mr. Oscar Tauer, who for many years has been foreman of the Starr Piano Co. Mr. Tauer remembers all the boys well and they wanted him to be with them at their reunion. The old song in their college days.

"Edite bibite, collegiales.  
Post multa saecula pocula nulla."

Post multa saecula pocula nulla." has had no effect on them yet, as the picture shows.

### BUSINESS WAS LARGE.

Before the development of telegraph and communications an ambassador may have been a person of great importance and responsibility, but now that he is little more than a glorified clerk, it is ridiculous to pay him like a mediaeval prince. The practical usefulness of diplomatic missions may be fairly gauged by the fact that out of £67,879 expended upon our diplomatic service in China only £25 could be spared for the relief of distressed British subjects. Twelve thousand, six hundred and seven pounds seems also to be an excessive sum to spend every year upon the childish pastime of heraldry.

POLLY: Gold Medal Flour makes baking easy.

THURSTON.

Kodol For Indigestion. Relieves sour stomach, palpitation of the heart. Digests what you eat.

We take this method of thanking you for patronage for past year and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

## GREEK CANDY STORE

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Sunday School of First Methodist Church Held Meeting Last Night.

### WOMAN SUPERINTENDENT

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the meeting of the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening. The following were chosen:

Superintendent—Mrs. S. C. Bevington.

First Assistant—S. H. Jones.  
Second Assistant—Ray Longnecker.  
Third Assistant—Mrs. H. I. Comer.  
Secretary—Frank Elliott.  
Assistants—Lois Gena and Grace Davenport.

Enrolling Secretary—Ancil Elliott.  
Treasurer—Dr. U. B. G. Ewing.  
Chorister—L. H. Bunyan.

Organist—Miss Ella Luring.  
Secretary of Primary Department—Hazel Gregg.

Librarian—John Hieger.  
Assistant Librarians—Fred Stalhorst and Roy Kohlstedt.

President of Temperance Society—B. F. Wehrley.

President of Missionary Society—Mrs. F. A. Brown.

Vice President—Mrs. D. W. Stevenson.

Superintendent of Primary Department—Mrs. L. H. Bunyan.

Superintendent of Cradle Roll—Hazel Gregg.

Superintendent of Home Department—Mrs. F. R. McFall.

### SUGGESTED BY CHILDREN.

Origin of the Argand Lamp and the Telescop.

Some of our most useful mechanical appliances owe their existence to the ingenuity of children in fashioning their playthings. Argand, who invented a lamp with a wick fitted into a hollow cylinder, was one day busy in his workshop. Sitting before the burning lamp, his little brother was amusing himself by placing a bottomless oil flask over different articles. Suddenly he placed it upon the flame of the lamp, which instantly shot up the long circular neck of the flask with increased brilliancy. Argand did not allow such a suggestive occurrence to escape him. The idea of the lamp chimney almost immediately came into his head, and in a short time his invention was perfected.

The telescop owes its origin to a similar occurrence. The children of a Dutch spectacle maker happened to be playing one day with some of their father's glasses in front of the shop door. Placing two of the glasses together, they peeped through them and were exceedingly astonished to see the weathercock of the neighboring steeple brought within a short distance of their eyes. They were naturally puzzled and called their father to see the strange sight. When the spectacle maker looked through the glasses he was no less surprised than the children had been. He went indoors and thought the matter